Production of food crop

1863. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the food crop production during the last three years, year-wise and crop-wise;

(b) the corresponding requirement during the same period, crop-wise, and year-wise;

(c) the surplus foodstock during the same period, crop-wise and year-wise; and

(d) whether the excess foodstock was due to overproduction or for other reasons; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The foodgrains production during the last three years, year-wise and crop-wise is as follows:

(Million Tonnes)

	2002-03@	2001-02	2000-01
Cereals	171.26	198.83	185.74
Pulses	11.31	13.19	11.7
Total Foodgrains	182.57	212.02	196.81

@ As per Fourth Advance Estimates released on 01.07.2003

(b) The estimated requirements following the normative approach during the last three years crop-wise, year-wise is given below:

	2002-03	2001-02	2000-01
Cereals	192.47	188.89	185.36
Pulses	16.74	16.42	16.12
Total Foodgrains	209.21	205.31	201.48

(c) The estimated surplus* of food stock crop-wise, year-wise are as below:

	2002-03@	2001-02	2000-01
Cereals	41.84	71.90	42.63
Pulses	(-)5.43	(-)3.23	(-)5.05
Total Foodgrains	36.41	68.67	37.58

*Surplus = (Stock + production-requirements)

(d) The agricultural production varies a great deal from year to year depending on performance of south-west and north-east monsoon, incidence of pests and diseases, timely application of quality inputs, availability of Institutional credit etc. There is no deliberate attempt towards overproduction of foodgrains. Moreover, the Government follows a policy of maintaining a minimum stock of around 20 million tonnes of foodgrains by public agencies under Buffer Stocking Policy.

Assistance to Chhattisgarh for Central Schemes

1864. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chhattisgarh Government has submitted utilization certificate and project report for Centrally sponsored Agricultural Development Schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of funds that would be allocated to the State for various agricultural development schemes during 2003-04; and

(d) whether the projects have been approved by the Central Government as per the State Government's proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The following Centrally Sponsored Scheme are being implemented for the development of agriculture in the State of Chhattisgarh and the status of submission of utilisation certificates and the amount allocated against each Scheme during 2003-04 are as under:

(Rs. in lakh)

Name of the Scheme	Utilisation Certification (UC) Submitted/not	Allocation for 2003-04
1. Macro Management Scheme	Received UC for 2002-03 and interim UC for 2003-04	1400.00
2. On Farm Water Management	Does not arise, since the Scheme is being implemented by NABARD	329.40
3. Oilseed Production Programme (OPP)	Yes	46.00
4. National Pulses Development Project (NPDP)	Yes	42.00
5. Accelerated Maize Development Programme (AMDP)	No	10.07